

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAVE LEWIS**, on February 13, 2001 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Cobb, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Robert V. Andersen, OBPP
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch
Sydney Taber, Committee Secretary
Connie Welsh, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Public Testimony on Senior and Long-Term Care - Aging Services, Adult Protective, Veterans Services, and Medicaid Services

Executive Action: None.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON SENIOR AND LONG-TERM CARE AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2 - 8}

Grace Bowman, Executive Director of the Billings Chapter of Prevention of Elder Abuse, presented information on her organization **EXHIBIT(jhh36a01)** and explained the organization's purpose as training people such as bank tellers, delivery men, meter readers, law enforcement, and post men to recognize the signs of abuse and neglect in the elderly. The

organization works closely with Adult Protective Services (APS), and she requested the Committee to do what it could to support APS and ensure that the elderly are safe in their homes.

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Denise Gorham, Vice President of Sales at First Interstate Bank, was a member of the task force on the prevention of elder abuse. The goal of the task force was to put together training for bank and credit union employees that would help them identify financial exploitation and also inform them on what to do when that exploitation does occur.

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Laurie Peterson-Yamamoto, regional supervisor for Adult Protective Services in the south-central region of Montana, related one case that her office investigated which is currently awaiting prosecution. She stressed the importance of the interagency cooperation and coordination that was involved in the case.

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Billie Fischer, community social worker with Adult Protective Services, investigates cases of elder in south-central Montana. She presented the case of an individual who had been defrauded of her life savings and read a letter of support for APS from the woman's son

EXHIBIT(jhh36a02).

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Karen Greenwood, a social worker for APS in the Bozeman, area introduced **Ruby Stublar** who had been the victim of financial exploitation. Ms. Stublar read her statement to the Committee **EXHIBIT(jhh36a03).**

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Chuck Newell, a detective with the Sheriff's office in Yellowstone County, stated that there are increased cases of abuse and neglect of the elderly in Montana. More and more elderly Montanans experience physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and financial exploitation. He explained the difficulty that law enforcement officers have in working with elderly people who are embarrassed, frightened, and suspicious. Adult Protective Services social workers assist the police in the evaluation of victims and help them to build rapport with the victims. He stressed the importance of the working relationship that the police and adult protective services have in protecting the elderly from abuse and neglect.

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Karen Erdie, Director of the Area II Agency on Aging in Roundup, read her written testimony **EXHIBIT(jhh36a04)** and asked that the Committee support the wage increase for personal care workers.

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Jeannie Bauman, Montana Credit Unions League, uses the video on elder financial exploitation to train tellers to recognize financial exploitation and that all over the state there are bank and credit union people who have stories of financial exploitation to tell and an interest in

reporting the abuse. She requested that the Committee support funding for the Adult Protective Services programs.

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Evelyn Havskjold, Hill County Council on Aging, offered support for the budget as presented by the Senior and Long-Term Care Division. She read a letter from **Lois English**, the daughter of a client, **Mary Azure**, who has received services from the Hill County Council on Aging attesting to the importance of the work that they do **EXHIBIT(jhh36a05)**.

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Kathy Jaymes, Director of the Fergus County Council on Aging in Lewistown, offered testimony in support of the Medicaid waiver program and the hope that more slots will be provided so that more people can take advantage of it. She recounted the story of a particular client and the assistance that this program has given in receiving personal care at home and went over the services that her office offers to these clients. She presented several information sheets on the Medicaid waiver program **EXHIBIT(jhh36a06)** and **EXHIBIT(jhh36a07)**.

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Irene Schuchard, Project Director for the Senior Center in Harlowton, presented testimony on the importance of the Medicaid waiver program for her clients. She described the services that are provided for them and presented letters of support for the program from numerous clients **EXHIBIT(jhh36a08)**.

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Mike Norbury, Cascade County Adult Protective Services, recounted the case of an elderly World War II veteran who suffered from severe neglect and was reunited with his family as a result of the work of the APS. He presented photographs **EXHIBIT(jhh36a09)**, **EXHIBIT(jhh36a10)** and a copy of a news article in support of his testimony **EXHIBIT(jhh36a11)**.

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Colleen Murphy, Executive Director of the Montana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, read a letter from **Diane Kersten** outlining the organization's recommendations on aging **EXHIBIT(jhh36a12)**. The association offered its support on a 4.5% rate increase for Medicaid reimbursement, the hiring of 5.5 additional Adult Protective Services Social Workers, expansion of the Medicaid waiver, and the public guardianship program.

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Chris Hickman, Sergeant with the Great Falls Police Department and member of the Cascade County Chapter of Elder Abuse, talked about the carrier alert training offered by his chapter to the postal service and the elderly. He went over the history, goals, and program offered by his chapter and also went over the training that is being offered for bank and credit union tellers to spot financial exploitation. He stressed the need for funding of such successful programs through the Adult Protective Services programs.

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Tari Barkley, social worker for the Home and Community Based Services Program in Great Falls, read her statement on elder abuse and requested continuing support for Adult Protective Services **EXHIBIT(jhh36a13)**.

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Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner and Coordinator for the Billings Chapter on the Prevention of Elder Abuse, went over the elder abuse issues and a history of funding for programs. The Billings Chapter for the Prevention of Elder Abuse started contracting with the Department, offering services and giving aid to the APS workers in the community. This is something that needs to be done statewide, and through contracted services there will be money allocated to the five regions of the state. The contracted services dollars are servicing programs in Billings, Great Falls, Helena, Missoula, western Montana, eastern Montana, and Sidney. The organization is making sure that the community and the state are able to put in a few dollars to help the organization. There is a growing population and a growing need in communities for Adult Protective Services workers. Mr. Kennedy requested the Committee's support for the 5.5 APS workers and contracted services needs.

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Hal Manson, Executive Director American Legion of Montana, expressed support for funding for the Montana Veterans' Nursing homes.

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Bud Clinch, Lincoln County Representative for Legacy Legislation and member of the Governor's Aging Advisory Council, read his statement of support for the DPHHS programs for aging, the submitted budget, and the voluntary registry for home service providers **EXHIBIT(jhh36a14)**.

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Barbara Hamburg, Montana National Guard Thrift Shop, read her statement explaining the Thrift Shop, its fundraising efforts, and the programs and activities that it supports **EXHIBIT(jhh36a15)** and **EXHIBIT(jhh36a16)**. She informed the Committee that her organization is donating \$17,500 to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls toward the purchase of a van.

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Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars, offered support for the DPHHS budget request.

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Dana Michael, a social worker in Missoula, offered testimony in support of the Adult Protective Services and Medicaid waiver.

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Polly Nickolaisen, member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, expressed support for the guardianship program and other APS programs **EXHIBIT(jhh36a17)**.

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Eileen Samson, Director of Elder Services at Missoula Aging Services, expressed her support for all of the proposals in the Senior and Long-Term Care Division budget. She requested that the Committee support additional slots in the Medicaid waiver program. There is an elevated demand for services which needs to be addressed. **Ms. Samson** recommended that there be a task force of consumers, providers and other members of the public to study a long-range plan for ombudsman services **EXHIBIT(jhh36a18)**.

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Jim Atkinson, Director of the Agency on Aging in Kalispell, spoke in support of the budget request and increases for the Senior and Long-Term Care Division.

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Linda Shearer, social worker in Flathead County, presented a chart showing the referrals for APS in Flathead County **EXHIBIT(jhh36a19)** and expressed support for the Senior and Long-Term Care Division.

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Clyde Daily, Associate State Director for the AARP, offered support for the budget requests for Senior and Long-Term Care Division.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAID WAIVER

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Cody Standish from Livingston, Montana, submitted her testimony **EXHIBIT(jhh36a20)** and requested support for the Medicaid waiver, higher wages for personal care givers, and training for personal care givers.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.2 - 5.7}

Jim Meldrum, Montana Independent Living Project, offered support for the Self-Directed Program and the Medicaid waiver program. He thanked the Committee for past funding and requested support for the Department budget for those funds.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8 - 14.4}

Cathy Parah from Great Falls, Montana, offered testimony on behalf of the Medicaid waiver program **EXHIBIT(jhh36a21)**. She requested more money for independent living and also higher wages for direct care workers.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 17.4}

Rose Hughes, Executive Director of Montana Health Care Association, offered support for the increased funding for nursing home care and provider rate increases. She submitted her written testimony **EXHIBIT(jhh36a22)** and **EXHIBIT(jhh36a23)** and a letter from residents of the Livingston Health and Rehabilitation Center requesting more funding in order to provide more staff **EXHIBIT(jhh36a24)**. This letter also addressed the issue of increased funding to cover the increased acuity of nursing home residents.

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Bill Leinner, a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, recounted his experience with recent illness and expressed his appreciation of the therapy program at the Rocky Mountain Care Center in Helena. He expressed support for the Medicaid waiver program.

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Cal Sweet, Chairman of the Board for the Emmanuel Christian Home, discussed the issue of veterans and their care, and the role that Immanuel Lutheran plays in care for such patients. He expressed strong support for increased funding and reimbursement for care providers. He went over the difficulties that his nursing home has in providing adequate care at the current reimbursement rates. The current problems with electric and gas rates have added another dimension of concern to those trying to operate nursing homes as well. He stressed the fact that most of the patients that go into nursing homes are sicker and older than they once were, requiring more staff contact time. He urged the Committee to support the budget requests and increases in provider rates.

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Penny Christensen, CNA at Immanuel Lutheran Home, presented her written testimony addressing the issues of low staff wages, high turnover, training and recruitment difficulties, patient acuity and hard work **EXHIBIT(jhh36a25)**.

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Annette McReynold, related her personal experience with the Medicaid waiver program and offered her testimony in support of the Medicaid waiver program and home and community-based services **EXHIBIT(jhh36a26)**.

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Kathy Ray, nurse at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, offered her testimony in support of the Medicaid waiver. She stated that patients admitted to nursing homes are older and sicker requiring higher levels of care. She went over some of the demands that are placed on staff in patient care and mandated paperwork. She urged the Committee to provide the resources so that health care workers can deliver the best care to patients.

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Linda Shearer, social worker at Immanuel Lutheran Home, read her statement to the Committee **EXHIBIT(jhh36a27)**. She related the change in national social policy which encourages the elderly to stay in their homes as long as possible or to go into assisted living

arrangements. As a result of this policy, most people in nursing homes are the very old and extremely ill, but the reimbursement rates do not cover the costs of this care, nor do those rates provide an adequate means of support for those who give the care in nursing homes. She expressed the need for adequate resources.

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Keith Gendreau, Administrator of Immanuel Lutheran in Kalispell, addressed the issues that are creating financial problems for long-term care facilities. The cost of documenting the federal rules and regulations is up; Medicaid on the state level is trying to pay for those rules and regulations, but this has not worked to meet the costs of operation in the last ten years. This dilemma is causing a crisis situation for long-term care nursing home operators. Providers have problems giving the appropriate level of care. **Mr. Gendreau** also addressed the issues of the gas and electricity rate hikes and increased costs of comprehensive and liability insurance as a result of litigation nationwide.

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Dorothy Maitland, business owner and resident of the Flathead Valley, related the story of her mother's nursing home experience and offered support of the Immanuel Lutheran Nursing Home and urged the Committee to support Medicaid waivers and pay increases for staff.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 20.8}

Polly Nikolaisen, Governor's Council on Aging and former board member of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, offered her support for increases in nursing home funding and community programs. She suggested a visionary planning task force to study all the current problems in order to solve them with confidence.

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Elizabeth Wendt read her statement to the Committee **EXHIBIT(jhh36a28)**. She related her personal experiences with physical and speech therapy, learning to live as a handicapped individual, and the independent living program. She also expressed her gratitude for the vocational-rehabilitation program that is allowing her to go to school. She asked the Committee to fund the community-based programs and to reduce the waiting list.

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Lorie Kramer, Registered Nurse at the Valley View Home, expressed support for funding increases for nursing homes and submitted her written testimony **EXHIBIT(jhh36a29)**. She also presented a folder with expressions of support for many residents of her community and the nursing home at which she works **EXHIBIT(jhh36a30)**.

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Tracey Stolte, nurse at Brendan House in Kalispell, read her written statement in support of additional Medicaid funding for nursing homes **EXHIBIT(jhh36a31)**.

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Mary Galt read her statement relating her experience with the care her husband received in a nursing home **EXHIBIT(jhh36a32)**. She requested increased funding for nursing homes.

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A representative of **Gary Church** read his testimony in support of direct care increases **EXHIBIT(jhh36a33)**.

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Cathleen Nelson read her statement of support for Medicaid community-based program and supported living services **EXHIBIT(jhh36a34)**.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.6 - 5}

Cathy White, CNA at Big Sky Care Center, read her statement of support for increased funding for nursing homes **EXHIBIT(jhh36a35)**.

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Judy Erickson read her statement asking for more services, support, and back up from caseworkers for those who are disabled **EXHIBIT(jhh36a36)**.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 12.4}

Karen Reed, dietary manager and licensed practical nurse in long-term care, read her statement requesting the Committee to consider raising nursing home rates **EXHIBIT(jhh36a37)**.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.4 - 15.4}

Duane Lutke, Executive Director of Western Montana Area VI Agency on Aging in Polson, read his statement in support of the long-term care ombudsman program **EXHIBIT(jhh36a38)**.

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Linda Sandman, the Administrator of Sonheaven Assisted Living in Helena, spoke in support of increased Medicaid waiver slots for those needing assisted living services.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6 - 19.1}

Abe Brown offered testimony in support of independent living services.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.1 - 21.1}

Stanley McIntyre spoke in support of budget requests for Medicaid services.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.1 - 23.3}

Anona Boy spoke in support of Medicaid waiver support for her son Tyler.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.3 - 26.8}

Brian Balock read his statement in support of wage increases for personal care givers **EXHIBIT(jhh36a39)**.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8 - 31.6}

Pamela Davis read her written statement in support of the Medicaid waiver and wage increases for personal care givers **EXHIBIT(jhh36a40)**.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 31.6 - 33.1}

Tony Wood spoke in support of care giver wage increases.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 33.1 - 34.9}

Linda Voegele read her testimony in support of the personal care program and wage increases for those workers **EXHIBIT(jhh36a41)**.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 34.9 - 39.4}

Paul Peterson spoke in support of increased funding for the Medicaid waiver program and suggested a cigarette tax as a source of revenue.

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Owen Deardorff of Lonepine, Montana, read his written statement in support of the Independent Living program and offered suggestions to increase funding and interest in the direct care provider field **EXHIBIT(jhh36a42)**.

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James Dickson asked for increased support for the Medicaid waiver program and personal care attendants.

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Andre Dahl, personal care provider, read her statement of support for personal care provider pay increases **EXHIBIT(jhh36a43)**.

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Sheila James read her statement of support for home and community-based services and offered suggestions to make personal care giving a career opportunity **EXHIBIT(jhh36a44)**.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 3.9}

Claudia Driscoll read her statement of support for the Medicaid waiver program **EXHIBIT(jhh36a45)**.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.9 - 5.3}

Leroy Collins asked the Committee to give care givers raises and to increase Medicaid support.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.3 - 8.4}

Erik Hauer spoke in support of the Medicaid waiver program and asked the Committee to raise the wages for personal care attendants.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4 - 10.9}

Bill McLain offered support for nursing homes in Montana. He expressed support for the Medicaid waiver program. He presented several charts in support of his testimony **EXHIBIT(jhh36a46)** and **EXHIBIT(jhh36a47)**.

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John Kershaw testified in support of the increase in wages, staffing, and training for direct care staff.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.9 - 14.4}

Ty Harding, Administrator of Bee Hive Homes in Missoula, testified in support of the Medicaid waiver.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 14.9}

Jeff Erickson testified in support of the Bridges Program and the Medicaid waiver program.

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Brandon Orr read his written statement in support of the Bridges Program and the Medicaid waiver **EXHIBIT(jhh36a48)**.

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Doug Halvari spoke in support of the Bridges Program and submitted his written statement **EXHIBIT(jhh36a49)**.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.9 - 19.3}

Teresa Sturges , Community Bridges in Missoula thanked the Committee for all its support in the past and requested continued support the Medicaid waiver program **EXHIBIT(jhh36a50)**.

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Jolynn Dennis asked the Committee to support increases in the Medicaid waiver program.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 24}

Rosemary Lynch requested that the Committee support nursing homes and provide adequate wages for caregivers.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 24.6}

Kathrym Beaty, Administrator of Valley View Estates in Hamilton, spoke in support of the testimony already heard **EXHIBIT(jhh36a51)**.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 25.4}

Jeannette Hallam, Medicaid Personal Assistance Program at Nightingale Nursing in Missoula, spoke in support of increased funding for nursing homes **EXHIBIT(jhh36a52)**.

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Tammy Sciaretta offered support for the Medicaid waiver program..

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Kris Schroeder offered support for the Medicaid waiver program.

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George Frasca offered support for the Medicaid waiver program.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.4 - 32.9}

Ray Gibbons, Administrator of the Teton Medical Center in Choteau, Montana, offered support for the intergovernmental transfer issue for nursing homes with certain caveats on the issue of fairness to counties. He presented options for this method of increasing the money pool and asked the Committee to remember that the reason for considering this was the need to improve cash flow to improve the viability of nursing homes **EXHIBIT(jhh36a53)**.

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Dale Polla, CEO of Glacier County Medical Center, strongly supports the Intergovernmental Transfer Program.

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Kathryn Ann Campbell, Mountainview Medical Center, White Sulphur Springs, Montana, offered testimony supporting intergovernmental transfers to fund long-term care issues without breaking the bank.

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Jay Pottinger, Administrator of the Missouri River Medical Center, supports the intergovernmental transfer. We prefer most of the money to go into the pockets of the counties, but would support any amount.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 38.2 - 39.8}

Dave McIvor, Administrator of the Roundup Hospital and Nursing Home, presented his statement in support of the intergovernmental transfer program **EXHIBIT(jhh36a54)**. The county has contributed masses of money to keep the facility going. Any financial support for the facility is vitally important to its long-term survival.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 39.8 - 43}

Frank Nelson, Madison County Commissioner, expressed his support for the intergovernmental transfer between the counties which operate county nursing homes and the DPHHS **EXHIBIT(jhh36a55)**.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 43 - 45}

Earl Martin, Granite County Commissioner, offered a written statement supporting the intergovernmental transfer to help finance nursing homes **EXHIBIT(jhh36a56)**.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 45 - 52}

Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA), offered his written testimony on the intergovernmental transfer issue which details the position of the member hospital

EXHIBIT(jhh36a57) and that of Harry Bold of the Big Sandy Medical Center

EXHIBIT(jhh36a58). He urged the Committee to provide the requested 4.5% rate hike and to endorse the IGT proposal with certain restrictions. He also suggested language in HB 2 that directs DPHHS to investigate using provider tax and voluntary donations to increase the federal funds available for nursing home payments. He also supports the expansion of Medicaid waivers and provider rate increases for home health agency services.

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Dave Henry, CEO Northern Montana Hospital, offered his support for increased funding for long-term care.

David Espeland offered his support for the intergovernmental transfer process.

Written testimony in support of the Medicaid waiver and home and community-based services program was submitted by the following individuals:

Marilyn Bracken **EXHIBIT(jhh36a59)**

The family of Kathleen Morrow **EXHIBIT(jhh36a60)**

Michelle L. Sullivan **EXHIBIT(jhh36a61)**

Birdie Sherman **EXHIBIT(jhh36a62)**

Annette Sontag **EXHIBIT(jhh36a63)**

Don Heys **EXHIBIT(jhh36a64)**

Jeanne Roberts **EXHIBIT(jhh36a65)**

Bonnie McHatton **EXHIBIT(jhh36a66)**

Imelda Moles, Cathy Hale, Elizabeth Kehmeier, Joanne Perkins, and Kathryn Kent

EXHIBIT(jhh36a67)

Joanne Lee **EXHIBIT(jhh36a68)**

Ellen Leeds **EXHIBIT(jhh36a69)**

Bill Ermatinger **EXHIBIT(jhh36a70)**

Barbara Reinhard **EXHIBIT(jhh36a71)**

Pat Richardson **EXHIBIT(jhh36a72)**

Sam Gilder **EXHIBIT(jhh36a73)**

Seumas Gallagher **EXHIBIT(jhh36a74)**

Ernie Pepion **EXHIBIT(jhh36a75)**

Joanne Perkins **EXHIBIT(jhh36a76)**

Donell Neiss **EXHIBIT(jhh36a77)**

Brenda Toner **EXHIBIT(jhh36a78)**

Ninon Lacey **EXHIBIT(jhh36a79)**

Great Falls Easter Seals Case Management Team **EXHIBIT(jhh36a80)**

Written testimony in support of Adult Protective Services, long-term care, Medicaid reimbursement, other aging issues was submitted by the following individuals:

Kris Schroeder **EXHIBIT(jhh36a81)**

Doris Gilbertson **EXHIBIT(jhh36a82)**

Connie Thisselle **EXHIBIT(jhh36a83)**
DeAnn Smallwood **EXHIBIT(jhh36a84)**
Linda Marcel **EXHIBIT(jhh36a85)**
Claudia Knepp **EXHIBIT(jhh36a86)**
Myrna Chamberlin **EXHIBIT(jhh36a87)**
Rick Bogley **EXHIBIT(jhh36a88)**
Donald Beadle **EXHIBIT(jhh36a89)**
Nancy Taylor **EXHIBIT(jhh36a90)**

Witness statements were submitted by the following individuals:

Mary C. Allen, representing Granite County Commissioners, in support of intergovernmental transfers
Kathryn Ann Campbell, representing Mountainview Medical Center, in support of intergovernmental transfers
Roy Hoffman, representing Peak Medical, in support of increased funding for Senior and Long-Term Care
Grace Bowman, representing the Billings Chapter of the Prevention of Elder abuse, in support of DPHHS Long-Term Care Division budget
Chuck Newell in support of Adult Protective Services
Evelyn Havskjold, representing Hill County Agency on Aging in support of Aging Services
Verner Bertelsen, MSCA

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 A.M.

REP. DAVE LEWIS, Chairman

SYDNEY TABER, Secretary

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